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ILLINOIS MOB WREAKS
FURY ON MURDERERSNEGRO RAVISHER OF GIRL AND
MAN WHO KILLED WIFE, LYNCHEDCitizens of Cairo, Illinois, Take Law Into
Their Own Hands

CITIZEN SOLDIERS ARRIVE TOO LATE

Black Brute's Body is Burned by Self-Appointed Executioners--Third Prisoner
Narrowly Escapes Similar Fate--
Troops Now in Charge and
City is Under Martial Law

Cairo, Ill., Nov. 12.—After a night made hideous by the lynching of Will James, a negro charged with the murder of Miss Annie Peley, and Henry Salzman, a white man charged with the murder of his wife, Cairo was comparatively quiet this morning.

Company K of the state militia of Cairo is in charge of the city, and although a mob of 1,500 people is still congregated along the levee and about the city jail, and the saloons are open, no further serious trouble is anticipated.

At least five more companies of militia will arrive during the day and Governor Deneen, who is hurrying to Springfield, said over the long distance telephone, that more troops would be ordered to Cairo if they were needed.

Arthur Alexander, the negro implicated in the assault and murder of Miss Peley by the confession of the lynched negro, James, was safely lodged in jail this morning, after a night spent with the officers dressed in an officer's clothes, and fleeing from a furious mob.

The lust for blood seemed to disappear with the coming of dawn, and no attempt was made to get him. What the authorities most fear is that the prejudices aroused by last night's lynchings may result in a repetition of the race riots and destruction of property that characterized the work of the mobs at Springfield, Ill., and for this reason troops are being rushed to Cairo to be kept here till all danger of further rioting is past.

Mayor Parsons said today he did not think any of the city officials should be blamed for the lynchings. He said the majority of the citizens of Cairo deplored the lynchings, but he believed the result would be salutary.

"There has not been an official execution in Cairo in ten or fifteen years," he said, "and yet the city has had its full share of murders. Jurors have failed to convict in homicide cases or have convicted only for minor degrees. In fact, murder in Cairo has, I regret to say, been tolerably safe."

James, the negro who was lynched,

was captured at Belknap last night by a mob which compelled the engineer of a locomotive to take the members up the road to a place where the sheriff had the negro in hiding. James refused to make a statement until a rope was placed around his neck. Then he said: "I killed her, but Alexander took the lead." The crowd then pressed forward and the rope, which had been thrown around a steel arch at Eighth and Commercial streets, and which was in the hands of several women, scores of whom were in the mob, was pulled up and the body jerked a few feet from the ground. The rope broke and the choking negro came tumbling down. The mob by this time was so impatient that it fell on the negro, riddling his body with bullets. The body was then dragged more than a mile through the streets to a spot where the crime was committed and burned.

Before the fire was started, the kindling of which was done by several young women, the negro's head was cut off and placed on a pole which was stuck in the ground. His heart was then taken out, cut up into small pieces and passed among the men as souvenirs. Pieces of rope, which were soaked in the negro's blood, were also handed about. This morning nothing was left of the negro's body but a pile of bones. Large crowds of women visited the spot.

The lynching of Henry Salzman, a white man, for the brutal murder of his wife, on August 15 last, was a rebuke to delayed justice. The people asked an immediate trial and ever since the case was postponed dissatisfaction has been universal. Salzman killed his wife with an ax. The mob last night battered down the steel doors of the jail, after lynching James, and dragged Salzman into the street. A great crowd of women in the mob loudly called for his execution. He begged piteously for his life, but was greeted with jeers and blows and a moment later his body was jerked up and left hanging.

The assault and murder of Miss Peley was one of the most brutal in a long list of murders in this vicinity. It occurred only last week. She made

a terrible fight for her life, as was evidenced by marks of the struggle extending over two blocks.

BANKER AND CHAUFFEUR
MAY DIE OF WOUNDS

Louisville, Ky., Nov. 12.—The condition today of John K. Woodward, president of the Merchants' National bank of New Albany, Ind., and James Tucker, the negro chauffeur, who were shot yesterday by Thomas Jefferson Hall, the boy bandit, when he attempted to rob this bank, was serious this morning. Neither is expected to live.

According to William J. Hall, the father, the desperado is but 17 years old. The elder Hall, who has a furniture store at 802 South Preston street, this city, said that young Hall was a household tyrant and not insane at all. "He is simply mean," said the father. The family is formerly of Knoxville, Tenn.

W. J. Hall detailed his son's actions for the last few years, saying that dime novels had been his constant mental food.

Among young Hall's effects was found a powerfully made cabinet, lined and outfitted like a room. It is believed that the boy expected to escape by crawling into the box, which was consigned "R. J. Smith, Knoxville, Tenn.," and which was to have been shipped by freight.

TUCUMCARI VOTES BONDS
FOR A SEWAGE SYSTEM

Tucumcari, N. M., Nov. 12.—After one of the most exciting municipal contests in its history, Tucumcari on Tuesday of this week voted to bond the city for \$75,000, which sum is to be expended for a sewage system. Only 49 votes were cast against the bonds. Work on the building of the system will begin as soon as the pipe and other materials arrive on the ground.

TERRITORIAL LICENSE OF
INSURANCE COMPANY REVOKED

(Special Dispatch.)

Santa Fe, N. M., Nov. 12.—Territorial Insurance Commissioner Jacobo Chaves today revoked the license to do business in New Mexico of the Bankers' Reserve Life company, of Omaha, Neb. In revoking this company's license, which action was taken because the company agents in the territory had violated the territorial insurance laws by offering special inducements to sell insurance in this company, Insurance Commissioner Chaves takes occasion to severely censure the company in a letter which he addressed to the company's president, B. H. Robinson. The insurance commissioner charges that this officer, in a telegram to the department under recent date, asked for a conference with either the insurance commissioner or his deputy

at a city remote from the office of the department, which telegram reflected upon the integrity, character and honesty of the superintendent of insurance. The letter arraigns the insurance company officials in question in no uncertain tones.

Local Agent Missing.

The local agent of the Bankers' Reserve Life company, H. C. Kelley, has been absent from the city about two weeks. Rumors have been afloat that he has left for good. When he left he gave it out that he was going to Union county to solicit insurance. Only a short time ago, Kelley sent his family to California, to presumably spend the winter. Since the company's license has been revoked, it would seem that perhaps these rumors are not wholly wrong.

ISLAND OF JAMAICA SWEEP
BY DESTRUCTIVE HURRICANE

New York, Nov. 12.—A destructive hurricane, which probably caused great loss of life and property, swept the island of Jamaica in the West Indies Wednesday, according to a wireless message received today from the wireless operator aboard the steamer Prinz August at Kingston. An

unprecedented rainfall is reported, which has washed out all the railroads. The United Fruit company's steamers, Bradford and Amende, are also reported ashore. Communication with Kingston and other points of the island of Jamaica is completely cut off, but it is believed the weather has now moderated.

SUGAR REFINERY OFFICIAL
IN CLUTCHES OF THE LAW

New York, Nov. 12.—A sensation was caused here today when the United States grand jury, which is probing the alleged sugar refining frauds, involving the American Sugar Refining company, returned an indictment against James F. Bendernagel, for many years general superintendent of the Williamsburg plant of this corporation. Yesterday when it became known that Bendernagel was being investigated with a view to his indictment, the company accepted this official's resignation. Further startling developments are expected to follow the present investigation.

Despite rumors to the contrary, it is learned from an authoritative source that Lawshe's resignation as third assistant postmaster general will soon be announced, and that he has no intention of returning to Washington. While Mr. Lawshe has denied the

report that he has been offered the governorship, he has not given out any statement as to what his action would be were the position of territorial executive to be offered him.

His removal to the territory at this time, together with his guarded statements, are regarded as significant.

UNION PACIFIC BANDITS
CONVICTED AT OMAHA

Omaha, Nov. 12.—"Guilty as found in the indictment," is the verdict returned here last night by the jury in the case of D. W. Woods, William Matthews, Lawrence J. Golden, Frank Grigware and Fred Torgensen, who have been on trial in the federal court charged with holding up and robbing the mail car of the overland limited on the Union Pacific on the night of May 22.

The jury went out at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon and the verdict was returned four hours later.

The penalty for the crime is life imprisonment. Counsel for the defendants signified his intention to file a motion for a new trial. Judge Munger requested that the matter be expedited as much as possible and intimated that no unnecessary delay would be permitted.

Woods was the only one of the five prisoners to say anything. With his usual gusto, he declared, "Well, they would have hanged us if they could."

SANTA FE BRAKEMAN
MANGLED BY ENGINE

Gallup, N. M., Nov. 12.—George Davee, a well known Santa Fe coast line brakeman, running between Gallup and Winslow, died here at 7:40 o'clock last evening as the result of injuries sustained at 8:15 yesterday afternoon, when he was knocked down by a passing engine. Davee's legs were severed between the knees and the thighs, and his body was held out for recovery from the first. The injured man was taken to a caboose and arrangements had just been completed to take him to the hospital at Albuquerque on a special train when he died.

The exact manner in which Davee was injured is not known. He had arrived from Winslow on a red ball freight and it is believed that he was crossing the track in front of engine 853, which was on its way to the roundhouse.

Deceased is survived by a wife and two children who live in Winslow.

CHURCHES AGREE TO
CLOSE SUNDAY SCHOOLS

Because of the scarlet fever scare, the various churches of the city, including the Episcopal, Methodist, Baptist and Christian, will for the present close their Sunday schools. The decision was reached after a conference with the health authorities and the board of education.

However, the pastors of the churches named wish it distinctly understood that the regular church services at these places of worship will be held as usual on Sunday.

The closing of the Sunday schools is taken as a precautionary measure, as at this time it is deemed unwise to allow the assemblage of large bodies of children.

The pastors are to be commended for the move they have taken to cooperate with the authorities in stamping out the contagion which now exists.

REMOVAL TO TERRITORY OF
JUAN L. LAWSHE IS SIGNIFICANT

El Paso, Tex., Nov. 12.—The belief that A. L. Lawshe, third assistant postmaster general, is to be the next governor of New Mexico succeeding Governor George Curry, who will retire soon after the first of next year, is strengthened by Mr. Lawshe's recent removal to Las Cruces, where he has taken up his permanent residence.

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CONGRESS MUST LEGISLATE

PENDING ENACTMENT OF LAWS
TO PROTECT SAME WILL BE
WITHHELD.

Washington, Nov. 12.—Secretary of the Interior Ballinger today issued an order for the conservation of water power sites on certain public lands, withdrawing more than 8,000 acres located in Montana, Idaho, Colorado, Washington, Wyoming and New Mexico. This embraces land now being in the public domain, which will probably be affected by legislation to be enacted at the next session of congress, but until congress decides just what will be done with the land and the terms upon which it will be utilized, the secretary will keep a tight hold on it. The land withdrawn includes 3,534 acres on the Gunnison river and tributaries in Colorado and New Mexico and 712 acres along the Green river and its tributaries in Wyoming.

FALLS UNDER FREIGHT
TRAIN AND IS KILLED

Friends and relatives of Jose Martinez in Las Vegas, have received word of his accidental death at El Cuervo, a station on the Rock Island road. He resided in that town and had just reached home from Montoya, N. M., where he had been employed, when the fatal accident befell him. He had taken passage on a freight train and in an attempt to jump from a car while the train was still in motion, he was hurled under the wheels with the result that his body was frightfully mangled. He was about 30 years of age and is survived by a wife and two children.

SNOW STORM RAGES
IN THE SOUTHWEST

Denver, Colo., Nov. 12.—A heavy, wet snow is falling today in Colorado, southern Wyoming and parts of New Mexico, Arizona and Utah. In the vicinity of Denver and Pueblo six inches of snow had fallen up to noon. The telegraph service is badly crippled, but the railroads report no delays as yet.

MME. STEINHEIL WILL
SOON KNOW HER FATE

Paris, Nov. 12.—The concluding arguments in the Steinheil murder case were heard today. The prisoner, who was deathly pale, walked unaided to her seat, but her step was mechanical and her arms hung limply at her side. Many women were present today in the gloomy stifling court room.

MOTION TO CONTINUE SNELL
PERJURY CASE IS OVERRULED

In the United States court here yesterday afternoon, Chief Justice William J. Mills presiding, a motion to continue the case of George Snell, the deputy sheriff of Union county, under two indictments for perjury, was overruled by the court, on the ground that the defendant and the witnesses were all present and the case should be put to trial. It was docketed for next Monday. United States Attorney D. J. Leahy appeared for the government and Attorney John A. Pace of Clayton represented the defendant. Very little business came before the court this morning. Several accounts presented by United States commissioners, which had been approved by

the United States attorney, were allowed. An adjournment was then taken till tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock.

The United States grand jury did not report any indictments today, but the body is expected to do so tomorrow.

The territorial district court of San Miguel county will be convened by Chief Justice W. J. Mills next Monday morning. However, owing to the fact that all of the United States court business has not yet been disposed of, an adjournment will probably be taken till the 22nd, when both territorial grand and petit juries will come in.